

It is certain our grandfathers have been able to grow fruit on the spine, and you can grow it too.

The Freshman class, at the Massachusetts Agricultural College, numbers fifty-eight. It proves that a purely agricultural education is not dead and refuted, and that there are but few of the rising generation who wish to study agriculture.

Scientific reasons are all right, but the wonder is that the chief reason for the change of judgment rather than the science, hence, though, should be a great aid to judgment. A good measure of both is the only way to success.

H. M. Pierce, Rochester, N. Y., writes to *Country Gentleman* from the great pear orchard of La Salle, on the Niagara River, that the canning fruit business has died and is a dead weight, for canning pears. At that rate our factories here ought to make a good thing from the large crop of this fruit bought at \$150 a barrel.

There is a great complaint over the work the apple maggot in the garden orchards of this city. The damage is by no means small. The following is a list of the orchards in the neighborhood, Talman Street, Northern Spire,

fruit as it falls, for in such cases of fruit trees only this course is invariably practiced. This pest is already doing great damage.

It is to be known that the stock, of whatever kind, has much to eat from this time till the first of winter. There cannot be a water shrink in all husbandry than at this season of the year. Sheep are not so subject to water shrink as cattle, in the back pasture on the same run where they have been all summer, there is now a greatly lessened supply of nutritious grasses, and sheep cannot stand without good feed. A waterway may be made, and the sheep should be taken from some other source. If it pays at all to keep stock, it pays to keep it well.

It is referring to some of the official utterances of one, Dr. Mellor, milk inspector of

There is much aggravating and debilitating about your learned idios. If we were to be as you are, we would be dead. If we were to be as you are, we would be in misery thinking that the next breath we drew would be the last. If we were to be as you are, we would rather take our usual "peck of dirt," that has been so long in the ground, than to be in blissful ignorance, than to pay heed to the "cranks," venturing friends, and to the "fools" who have "dead the pot" all the time for us."

Every one who appreciates a good road to be interested in the action of Mr. Herbert A. Pope, of the Pope Mfg. Company, manufacturers of bicycles, who has been elected president of the Institute of Technology, to provide for the next five years two students in the engineering course at that institution, in section in road building. Mr. Pope will be awakened to the importance

the action is worthy the highest appreciation and cannot fail to work a saving effect on our public highways. It takes time to work the people up to it, but certainly it is, we need better public roads.

Why Not?

There is a deal of "striking out" to be shown we have sent out from New England, and we have sent out from the North, and if those who have been left behind do not brush up their action there are those that the young blood will beat the others in the march of progressive ideas and in the march of the new era. The appreciation of those connected with it, Governor Hoard of Wisconsin, now honor that State with a vigorous and intelligent administration of its affairs, is a noted fact. Governor Hoard of Wisconsin, now Governor, says of Michigan:

ability. The farmers of the State, seen at the front, have put in nomination Hon. James M. Turner, a noted stock raiser of that State, as Gov. Luce's successor, who will, without question, be elected.

This action has the right ring to it, and the man who turns the furrows and reap the harvests of the land should take courage and stand up for his rights. If the soil, the people being given a measure of public appreciation belonging to them, is a hopeful sign, that the mother States of the East are cultivating the germ of a new nation, and that the future of the continent, through the influence of its farmers, has placed Dr. George A. Bowen, one of the bright lights in Connecticut farming, in nomination for the office of Lieutenant Governor.

It is not surprising, therefore, in considering that he is going to move up higher, that he will not Maine grangers take advantage of

Good Milk Appreciated.

Our rambles around the show yard at the Jersey State Fair, last week, were rewarded by a string of fine Jersey cows hitched to a fence in a row and marked with the familiar name, H. Corbett, Farmington. Corbett was formerly a breeder of Holsteins, but he has since turned his attention with his pets at the State Fair. He has won many prizes. Seeking the owner, we learned from him that five years ago he found that the bottom of his milking pail was covered with a fine, white, powdery substance. He turned his attention to the milk trade in Farmington village. He found that people were coming to him, and that people wanted good milk. He got into the business, and, starting from that tangent. So he began to deal mainly with a few Jersey cows and

will never afterwards do without. He has found that with milk, as with food products, people appreciate a article, and he has also found that he can make a milk article that nobody else can. Corbett says that from the habit of the eyes to hold up so even a flamb of milk during his milking period, and almost to the point of agals coming in, they will come out into the open and be very easily as much milk as any other breed. He is strong, staly cows of good size, finds satisfactory results from the milk.

He refers to the above case particularly to show that good milk is coming to be apated, and makes its own market where introduced. And, further, to bring to the notice of those who have been in the market of inferior stock that inferior stock does not make a good record at the for the churn.

There are men of means occasionally who, who are deeply absorbed in other things, that invest in a farm and carry it on a part-time basis. But this is amateur farming rather than business farming. Not understanding the present attitude of capital toward the farm, it is believed that here in Massachusetts, with the present low prices of land, there is an opportunity for successful investing on an extended scale, provided it is conducted in a systematic manner, and with a strict adherence to business principles. Therefore, the farmer, to-day, should be a capitalist, and does offer to capital opportunity for profitable investment.

We have heard of Deerfoot Farm, South-Mass., formerly conducted by Edward Weston. Through the courtesy of the